

## **Breckland Council Implementation Scheme**

The requirements of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy will have immediate effect in relation to new applications for driver, vehicle and operator licences (commonly referred to as grants) – unless stated otherwise below.

Whilst the council considers that it is important that the requirements contained within the new policy are introduced as quickly as possible, it recognises that this must be done fairly and in such a way as to minimise the impact of the changes on the licensed trade.

Therefore, in relation to existing licence holders, the requirements will be implemented according to the scheme as outlined below.

In all cases the council will take into consideration exceptional circumstances that indicate that deviation from the requirements is appropriate in individual cases. Such consideration will be undertaken on a case by case basis.

## **Requirements in relation to Vehicles**

### **Vehicle age and Emissions.**

#### **New Vehicle Licences**

The policy has immediate effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, in relation to vehicles that are not licensed at the time when an application is made (commonly referred to as the 'grant' of a licence). All vehicles must be less than 5 years of age from the date of registration and Vehicles must meet one of the following emission standards:

Euro 4 emissions standards.

ULEV Petrol Hybrid Euro 5 +

Petrol Euro 5 + (Any vehicle registered from 1st Sept 2009 onwards)

Diesel Euro 6 + (Any vehicle registered from 1st Sept 2014 onwards)

**PLEASE NOTE that applications for new Hackney Carriage Vehicles from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, must be Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles and must meet the Hackney Carriage conditions and specification.**

**New Private Hire Vehicles from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 must meet the** private hire vehicle conditions see Appendix D and meet all of the vehicle specifications as stated within the policy (with the exemption of stretched limousine and speciality vehicles).

#### **Renewal of Vehicle Licences**

Once licensed, the vehicle will be considered suitable for licensing until it reaches 10 years (12 in the case of wheelchair accessible vehicles), subject to all other vehicle requirements being met (as detailed within the policy). Vehicles in exceptional condition may be licensed beyond the upper age limit, and meet the vehicle exceptional condition criteria.

Renewal of Vehicle Licences however **must meet** the criteria as stated within Appendix A Vehicle age and emissions Standards.

**From 01/12/2020** vehicle licences will not be renewed in respect of any licensed vehicle that does not meet or exceed Euro 4 emissions standards.

**From 01/04/2025** vehicle licences will not be renewed in respect of any licensed vehicle that does not meet the following:

ULEV Petrol Hybrid Euro 5+

Petrol Euro 5 +

Diesel Euro 6 +

Hackney carriage vehicles on renewal can be renewed without a break in service until the age of 10 years from the date of registration (or 12 years in the case of wheelchair accessible vehicles), however they must meet the emissions standards.

Private Hire vehicles on renewal can be renewed without a break in service until the age of 10 years from the date of registration, however they must meet the emissions standards (with the exemption of stretched limousine and speciality vehicles).

### **Requirement for drivers to subscribe to the Disclosure and Barring Service online update service**

This requirement will have immediate effect in relation to drivers and operators whose most recent DBS certificate was printed from the implementation of this policy. Licence holders are required to subscribe to the online service within 19 days of the date printed on their certificate.

All current drivers/ operators, will be required to subscribe to the online service when their licence is due for renewal.

**All other requirements of the policy will take immediate effect from the date that the policy is introduced.**